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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
DONALD R. RICCI, ET AL. ) : Examiner: Bruce E. Snow  
Application No.: 09/744,916 ) : Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: June 27, 2001 ) : Confirmation No.: 8554  
For: SMALL VESSEL ) : February 1, 2006  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated August 1, 2006 for three (3) months from August 1, 2005, to February 1, 2006.

Please charge \$1,020.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1710 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this

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